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REMARKS

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action of March 17, 2008 in which the Examiner

rejected claims 3, 5-10, 28, 29, 33-39, and 44-49 and indicated that claims 11, 30-32, 37-39, 42,

and 43 are allowable. Claim 38 has been merely rewritten into independent form, incorporating

the limitations of the antecedent claim. The scope of currently pending claim 38 has not been

limited or otherwise affected by this amendment.

Applicants have cancelled claims 3, 5-10, 28, 29, 33-39, and 44-49 from the present

application. Thus, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of all currently pending rejections

and allowance of remaining claims 11, 30-32, 37-39, 42, and 43. If the Examiner believes it

would assist her examination of this matter, she is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at

her convenience.

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